



## **Annual Utility Supplier Diversity Policy Session**

### **Agenda**

#### **Illinois Commerce Commission**

Main Hearing Room—8<sup>th</sup> Floor

160 North LaSalle Street, Suite C-800, Chicago, IL 60601

Thursday, September 5, 2019

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| <b>10:00 – 10:05 AM</b>   | Opening Remarks<br>Speaker: <b>Chairman Carrie K. Zalewski</b> , Illinois Commerce Commission   |
| <b>10:05 – 10:10 AM</b>   | Legislative Remarks<br><b>Senator Martin Sandoval</b><br><b>Representative Larry Walsh, Jr.</b><br><b>Representative Andre Thapedi</b>  |
| <b>10:10AM – 11:00 AM</b>   | Panel 1: Reporting Entity Highlights  |
| <b>Format:</b> Presentations and Q&A<br><b>Moderator:</b><br><br><b>Utility Presidents/CEOs</b> | <b>Utilities CEO's and Presidents Discuss Supplier Diversity Highlights of 2018</b><br><b>Tetyana Rabczak</b> , <i>Legal and Policy Advisor to Chairman Carrie K. Zalewski</i> , Illinois Commerce Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Melvin D. Williams</b>, <i>President</i>, Nicor Gas</li><li>• <b>Richard J. Mark</b>, <i>President</i>, Ameren Illinois Company</li><li>• <b>Joseph Dominguez</b>, <i>CEO</i>, ComEd</li><li>• <b>Bruce A. Hauk</b>, <i>President</i>, Illinois American Water</li><li>• <b>Charles Matthews</b>, <i>President</i>, Peoples Gas</li></ul>  |
| <b>11:00 – 11:45 AM</b>   | Panel 2: Focus: Partnerships – How to Foster Partnerships   |
| <b>Format:</b> Presentations and Q&A<br><b>Moderator:</b><br><b>Panelists:</b>                  | <b>The Story of Partnership and Ways to Foster Partnerships Through Success, Scalability and Strategy</b><br><b>Commissioner Sadzi Martha Oliva</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Martin Cabrera, Jr.</b>, <i>CEO</i>, Cabrera Capital Markets, LLC, Partnership with Illinois American Water</li><li>• <b>Homero Tristan</b>, <i>Founding Partner</i>, Tristan and Cervantes, Partnership with ComEd</li><li>• <b>Tim Richards</b>, <i>President</i>, Richards Graphic Communications, Inc., Partnership with Nicor Gas</li><li>• <b>James F. Clayborne Jr.</b>, <i>Partner</i>, Clayborne, Sabo &amp; Wagner LLP, Partnership with Ameren Illinois</li></ul> |

- **Sidney Dillard**, *Partner*, Loop Capital, Partnership with Peoples Gas

**11:45 – 12:00 PM**

Panel 3: Focus: Energy Suppliers

**Format:** Presentations and Q&A

**Moderator:**

**Energy Suppliers Discuss Supplier Diversity Highlights of 2018**

**Alejandro Aixala**, *Legal and Policy Advisor to Commissioner Maria Bocanegra*, Illinois Commerce Commission

**Panelists:**

- **Nakhia Morrisette**, *Regulatory Counsel and Midwest Regional Director*, SEIA
- **Jeff Danielson**, *Central Regional Director*, AWEA

**12:00 – 12:40 PM**

Panel 4: Focus: Professional Services

**Format:** Presentations and Q&A

**Moderator:**

**Breaking into Professional Services**

**Carrera Thibodeaux**, *Legal and Policy Advisor to Commissioner Ethan Kimbrel*, Illinois Commerce Commission

**Panelists:**

- **Gloria Castillo**, *President, CEO*, Chicago United
- **Jamie di Paulo**, *CEO*, Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- **Martin P. Greene**, *Board Member and NAMWOLF Member*, National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms
- **Ken Johnson**, *Managing Partner and head of Regulatory Practice*, Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC
- **Karla M. Stepter**, *Supervising Litigation Attorney*, Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC

**12:40 – 12:55 PM**

Panel 5: Focus: Building Relationships: Illinois Utilities Business Diversity Council Overview of Matchmaking Activities of 2018

**Format:** Presentation and Q&A

**Moderator:**

**IUBDC Update – How to Open the Door to Policies of Inclusion with a Focus on Building Relationships**

**Jimmie Zhang**, *Legal and Policy Advisor to Commissioner Brien Sheahan*, Illinois Commerce Commission

**Speaker:**

**IUBDC Chair Bruce A. Hauk**, *President*, Illinois American Water

**12:55 – 1:00 PM**

**Closing Remarks**

Speaker: **Chairman Carrie K. Zalewski**, Illinois Commerce Commission